

## METHOD AND MESSAGE DISTRIBUTOR FOR ROUTING REQUESTS TO A PROCESSING NODE

### ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

5           A method of addressing a node in a network comprising reading an identifier, translating the identifier into a group identification representative of a plurality of identifiers, indexing an address table with the group identification, and mapping the identification to a first node of the network is provided. A message distributor for processing an identifier and routing the identifier to a processing node comprising a translation module for receiving the identifier and converting the identifier into one of  
10           a plurality of group identifications, and a first table including a plurality of records each indexable by one of the plurality of group identifications, an indexed record including an element having a first address of the processing node is provided.

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